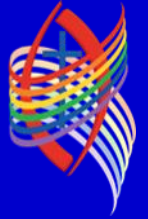




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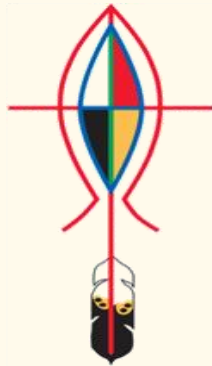
a weekly newsletter for members and friends of the St. Andrews faith community



for Sunday, June 21 2026  
Minister: Reverend Caitlin Smithers

## This Sunday - June 21, 2026 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Indigenous Peoples Day

Today we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, and we once again welcome Mary Laronde as she shares some examples of giving back. At the heart of many Indigenous worldviews is the understanding that relationship and reciprocity are inseparable. The Land is not simply a resource, but a living gift that sustains and nurtures all life, including the languages, cultures, wisdom, and dreams that shape communities. May we be inspired to live generously, nurture right relationships, and share our gifts for the good of all Creation.

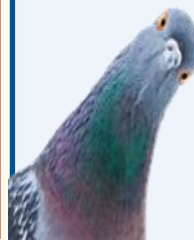


## Next Sunday - June 28, 2026 Our Summer Series Begins! Consider the Birds: Faith and Feathers

### The Pigeon: More Than Meets the Eye

Join us as we begin our summer series, **Faith and Feathers**, by taking a fresh look at one of the most overlooked birds around us-the pigeon.

Often dismissed, ignored, or shooed away, pigeons rarely receive a second glance. Yet doves, one of Scripture's most compelling symbols of the Holy Spirit, are part of the pigeon family.



This week, we'll see what these humble birds can teach us about looking beyond first impressions and finding God's presence in unexpected places.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A "SIGN KEEPER"?

St. Andrew's is looking for a **sign keeper** to spend a few minutes a week to make sure that the sign in front of the church is kept up-to-date. Please let Rev. Caitlin know if you are interested, or need more information. Training is cheerfully provided for this important, but not too time-consuming, volunteer position!



# St. Andrew's Summer Series Sunday- June 28 to July 26

## Consider the Birds: Faith and Feathers

This summer, join us for a unique journey through scripture as we explore: **Consider the Birds: Faith and Feathers.**

Birds flutter through the pages of the Bible more often than we might realize—ravens, doves, sparrows, eagles, roosters, and more. Often overlooked, these winged creatures have stories to tell and lessons to teach about faith, hope, provision, courage, and God's presence in our lives.

Drawing inspiration from *Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible*, this series invites us to see familiar biblical stories with fresh eyes. Through these feathered companions, we'll discover new dimensions of God's character and deepen our appreciation for the rich imagery woven throughout scripture.

The book reminds us that when we pay attention to the natural world in the Bible, we may find ourselves "thinking something wonderful about a lily, or a cedar tree or a giant. Or an asp!" As we consider the birds, we'll open ourselves to wonder, curiosity, and the surprising ways God speaks through creation.

### Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: The Pigeon: More Than Meets the Eye

Join us as we begin our summer series, **Faith and Feathers**, by taking a fresh look at one of the most overlooked birds around us—the pigeon.



### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>: The Pelican: Owl of the Wasteland

**and yet Divine** Join us as we continue our summer series, **Faith and Feathers**, by taking a fresh look at another one of the most overlooked birds around us—the pelican.

### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: The Eagle: Power and Vulnerability

Much like the first two birds in our series, **Faith and Feathers**, the eagle has a complicated understanding.



### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: The Sparrow: Appearing Insignificant, yet

**Unforgotten** The sparrow, the fourth bird in our series, **Faith and Feathers**, has also often been overlooked,

### Sunday, July 26: The Raven: More than a Bird to Observe

Join us as we conclude our summer series, **Faith and Feathers**, with the final bird from *Consider the Birds*: the raven. More than a bird to observe!





**ONLINE WORSHIP** 

**St. Andrew's  
United Church  
North Bay, Ontario**

**THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
14 June 2026**



Each Sunday service is recorded on video and the service is usually posted on the St. Andrew's [YouTube channel](#) by noon on the following day ( Monday).

Here is the link to last Sunday's service (June 14) :

<https://youtu.be/91K5kYSGX28>

A video link is also posted on the homepage of the St. Andrew's website.



Website: [www.baytonesharmonychorus.ca/](http://www.baytonesharmonychorus.ca/)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/baytonesNorthBay/>

## THANK YOU BAYTONES!

Recently, several members of the *Baytones Harmony Chorus* volunteered their time and expertise to help clean up the gardens on McIntyre Street. Thank You!

The *Baytones* are a Women's Barbershop Chorus located in North Bay, Ontario. They practice at St. Andrew's every week - and always welcome those who are interested in joining their chorale

*The Baytones Harmony Chorus  
invites you to join us  
August 5-Sept 9 for a  
Summer Sing!*

- Come and learn the basics of Acapella singing
- Learn a song over 6 weeks then join us on stage for our Christmas show Nov. 28th
- Music provided, fun guaranteed!
- No cost to you! Just your time on Wednesday evenings
- Bring your voice! Bring a friend!

St Andrew's United Church, 399 Cassells St.  
(McIntyre entrance), North Bay, Ontario,  
every Wednesday from Aug 5-Sept 9  
from 6:30-7:30 pm.  
RSVP: \* Shan 249-359-1919



## For those who want to plan ahead...



**JUNE 7** - "Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

**JUNE 14** - "Milestones - Marking the Way"

**JUNE 21st** - Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer

**JUNE 28th** - St. Andrew's Summer Worship Series begins

We welcome members of Trinity United to worship with us for July

**JULY** - Worship at St. Andrew's on the Sundays  
of July 5, 12, 19, 26

**AUGUST** - St. Andrew's is closed - office messages will be checked  
St. Andrew's members are invited to join Trinity United for worship during August

**AUGUST 30**—5th Sunday Service

**SEPTEMBER 6th** - First Sunday back at St. Andrew's

**September 13th** Rally Back Sunday

## The Moderator's Pride Message 2026

*Pride is more than just a celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance.*

In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and communities - naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God's beloved people.

This Pride Month, Moderator Kimberly Heath, along with the church, reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation.

Pride is more than celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance. It is a witness to the sacred truth that every identity rooted in love and authenticity is a divine gift.

Radical belonging is not optional—it is at the heart of the Gospel. May we continue the work of becoming a church that learns, acts with courage, and lives out love in word and deed.

From the whole United Church of Canada,  
**Happy Pride!**

Click [\\*HERE\\*](#) to view the video Message



The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath  
45th Moderator,  
United Church of Canada



## St. Andrew's United Church WELCOMES YOU !



We are an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and are committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. The congregation has also done the training to be a "Blue Umbrella" organization so it is a dementia-friendly place.



There is an elevator, a wheelchair ramp at the Algonquin entrance, and a handicapped-friendly washroom in the Narthex. Assistance is also available for the hearing-impaired. If you would like information, please give us a call during office hours and someone will be pleased to chat with you. 705 472-7680.



### OUR CHURCH OFFICE

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 10:30 am - 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** 12:30pm - 4:30pm    **Friday:** 10:30 am - 2:30 pm



### Pastoral Care

For pastoral care emergencies, please call the church office (705) 472-7680 or email: [standrewschurch@cogeco.net](mailto:standrewschurch@cogeco.net) and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.

### Minister's Office Hours

**Minister:** Reverend Caitlin Smithers

Caitlin's weekly office hours are **9 am to 3 pm Wednesday & Thursday.**

If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with Caitlin, please

- call her work phone **705-498-5943**, or
- email : [csmithers\\_standrews@cogeco.net](mailto:csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net),
- or leave a message at the Church Office (**705 472-7680**).

**Regular drop-in hours** are on **Wednesdays, from 10 am to 12 pm.**

(Please ring the bell at the McIntyre Street door)



### St. Andrew's Prayer Corner

*The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)*

For this week we ask that you keep the

following people in your prayers:

**Judy Campbell      Mary Marrs**  
**Joyce MacQueen    Kim Delarosbel**  
**Carole Sawyer    Ken Dech    Don Vaillancourt**





ST ANDREW'S  
*Strawberry  
Social*

Saturday, July 4, 2026

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Strawberry Shortcake & Cold Beverage

(strawberries freshly-picked from Leisure Farms!)

**\$9.00 per person**

(Please use the McIntyre St. entrance)



EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

395 LAKESHORE DR

**Craft & Bake  
Sale**

**Saturday June 27  
10-2**

CRAFTS • BAKED TREATS • WHITE  
ELEPHANT  
FURRY WORRY WORTS • ORIGAMI  
BIRDS • TOTES & TRIVETS  
DENIM POCKET WALL HANGINGS •  
STAINED GLASS • APRONS  
RECYCLING THEME  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!  
CASH & E-TRANSFERS ACCEPTED

**WANTED**



- cut stamps from mail
- Do not cut too close to the perforations
- Leave the stamps on the paper
- No more than 1 cm left around each stamp



PLEASE GIVE THESE USED STAMPS  
TO MARY MARRS, OR PUT THEM IN THE CHURCH  
MAIL SLOT ON CASSELLS STREET ENTRANCE (Green  
Wooden Door)

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

St. Andrew's member, Mary Marrs, sends these stamps to the *Laurentian Wesleyan Church in North Bay* which in turn sends them to the folks at the [Christian Salvage Mission](#) who distribute Bibles, hymnals and Sunday School materials worldwide. These stamps are sold to collectors to help fund the work of the [C.S.M.](#)

# A CUT ABOVE LANDSCAPING

PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE & MAINTENANCE Commercial - residential - snow removal

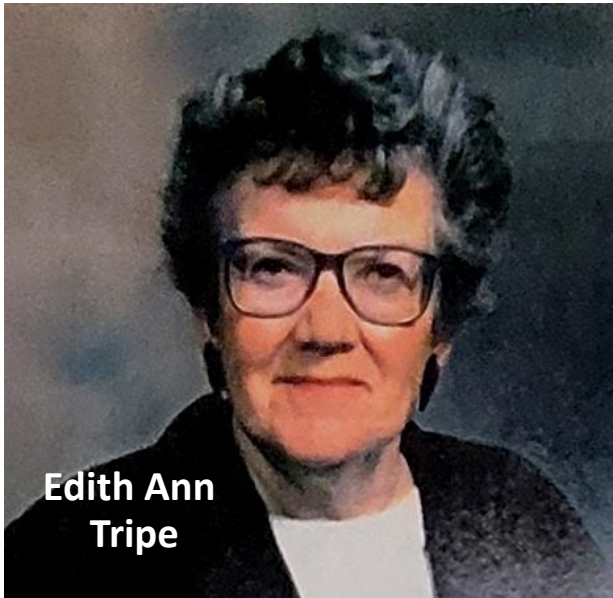
**THANK YOU TO ANDREW NEIL**, the owner of *A Cut Above Landscaping*, who again this year has offered to mow the church lawn this summer free of charge! We truly appreciate this donation of time and expertise to help to keep things trimmed and tidy.

[facebook link](#)



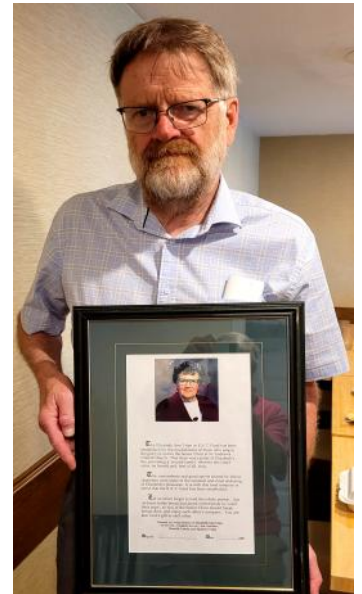
## HAPPY FIRST ORDIVERSARY, REV. CAITLIN!

It was on June 15, 2025, that Caitlin Smithers was ordained as a Minister in the United Church of Canada. A celebratory reception was held after the service last Sunday with a special (and delicious) *Ordiversary Cake* for all to enjoy. Rev. Caitlin - your St. Andrew's Faith Family wishes you many, many more happy anniversaries of your Ordination in the years to come!



**Edith Ann  
Tripe**

**ANNUAL  
E.A.T. FUND  
CHOIR  
DINNER  
Saturday,  
June 12, 2026**



**Edith Tripe** was a dedicated member of the St. Andrew’s Choir for many years. Her son, Daughter-in-Law, and Grandson, Donald, Laurie and Spencer Tripe, set up a fund in 1995, shortly after her passing. The yearly interest from the fund pays for a special E.A.T. Fund dinner once a year to remember Edith and her love for singing in the St. Andrew’s choir.

Below is the text that is written on the memorial plaque (which Stuart Bailey is holding- photo above) that hangs in the McIntyre Street hallway at the church.

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***“The Elizabeth Ann Tripe or E.A.T. Fund has been established for the nourishment of those who sing to the glory of God in the Senior Choir at St. Andrew’s United Church. This choir was a pillar of Elizabeth’s life, providing a “second family” wherein she could relax, be herself and, best of all, sing.***

***The camaraderie and good spirits shared by fellow choristers were some of the most sweetest and enduring of Elizabeth’s pleasures. It is with this fond memory that the E.A.T. Fund has been established.***

***Let us never forget to feed the whole person. Just as Jesus broke bread and dined with friends to “refill their cups”, so you of the Senior Choir should break bread, dine, and enjoy each other’s company. You are also God’s gift to each other.”***



Choir members enjoying their Annual E.A.T. Fund Dinner and the Manshou Restaurant